

COUNTRY Romania REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC 1. Troops and Military Installations in Bucharest

2. General Military Information on the Area between Biharkeresztes and Bucharest

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Between 2 and 16 August 1953, [REDACTED] in Bucharest said that the troops in the capital had started summer maneuvers in late July 1953. On 11 August 1953, [REDACTED] observed no activity at the barracks installation at 36 Calea Plevnei, which was enclosed by a high brick wall and was guarded by a sentry wearing red service color. From 2 to 16 August 1953, [REDACTED] saw no Soviet soldiers in the streets of Bucharest. [REDACTED] said that no Soviet troops were stationed at and around the city and that the only Soviet agency in Bucharest was a commission of numerous officers and officials in civilian clothing. 50X1-HUM
2. On 10 August 1953, an old three-story building with a vaulted entrance at 81 Bulevardul 6. Martie housed an office of the Rumanian Armed Forces. The first floor of the building contained office rooms with officers. Truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier wearing red service color, entered the installation. Sedan [REDACTED] which was driven by a civilian and carried four officers, was also seen at the installation. In Bucharest, [REDACTED] noted several military motor vehicles. 50X1-HUM
3. On 1 August 1953, [REDACTED] observed a train of 20 flatcars arriving at the Hungarian border railroad station of Biharkeresztes [REDACTED] from the direction of Szolnok [REDACTED] and proceeding to Rumania. Each flatcar carried a factory-made khaki motor vehicle with a box-shaped, wooden superstructure similar to a signal truck and was escorted by a Rumanian sentry, who wore red service color. On 17 August 1953, a troop train of 24 cars and one engine was observed departing from the railroad station of Alesd [REDACTED] in the direction of Oradea Mare. 50X1-HUM
4. The train included 12 boxcars and 6 flatcars, each carrying one 2.5-ton Skoda truck and 6 flatcars each carrying one AA gun and about five Rumanian soldiers wearing red service color. The guns were of an estimated caliber of 40 to 60 mm, had barrels, about 2.5 meters long, with a funnel-shaped thickening at the muzzle, and had rearward bent shields. From 300 to 400 Rumanian soldiers were observed advancing in extended order in the terrain west of the railroad station of Alesd on both sides of the railroad line. 50X1-HUM
5. On a trip from Oradea Mare to Bucharest on 2 August 1953 and on the return trip on 17 August 1953, [REDACTED] all railroad bridges were guarded by soldiers who wore either green, or red or lilac service color. 50X1-HUM

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